

What Does Sustainability Look Like in Longmont?

The City of Longmont is working to ensure our community's long-term vitality. The 2016 Sustainability Plan charts a course toward a more sustainable future in which every Longmont resident can pursue a safe, healthy, and fulfilling life in our city.

The plan identifies 10 areas in which the City will focus its efforts.



AIR QUALITY

Improve air quality to protect public and environmental health.



BUILDINGS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Enhance quality of life and environmental health through resilient and efficient buildings and infrastructure.



COMMUNITY COHESION & RESILIENCE

Create a vibrant community where all residents can thrive.



ECONOMIC VITALITY

Support a diverse economy with local jobs, livable wages, and green businesses.



ENERGY

Create a resilient, affordable and clean energy supply.



FOOD SYSTEM

Support a local, environmentally responsible and healthy food system that is available to all.



NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Minimize the negative effects of development by protecting and restoring environmental resources.



TRANSPORTATION

Support multiple modes of transportation and equitable access to transportation options.



WASTE

Reduce the environmental and health impacts of waste throughout the community.



WATER

Preserve the natural environment in our watershed and provide a reliable, high quality water supply.

What Will You Do to Play Your Part?



Find ideas & information at
longmontcolorado.gov/sustainability

Contact the City Sustainability Coordinator
sustainability@longmontcolorado.gov

Get involved!



Creating a Sustainable Longmont

Your Guide to Sustainability



Life is Good in Longmont.
Let's Make it Even Better.





Be a Part of a Vibrant, Thriving City

Longmont is an incredible place to live. We have beautiful weather, amazing scenery, diverse cultures, unbeatable recreation opportunities, and thriving businesses. As a resident of Longmont you play an important role in ensuring that Longmont is environmentally healthy, is economically prosperous, and provides equitable opportunities for all. The small and large actions you take can have a big impact on your quality of life, your neighbors, and the natural environment we all enjoy.

This guide will help you get involved in the City of Longmont's sustainability initiatives. Together, we can create an even better Longmont.

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Sustainability in Action

Sustainability is about making Longmont the best place it can be – economically, socially and environmentally. When we act sustainably, we connect with community, take care of the natural environment, and ensure everyone has access to the resources needed to thrive. Sustainability creates opportunity and benefits for all.



What You Can Do

- Make your home and your daily activities more sustainable. The 5 simple things outlined in this guide are a good place to start.
- Share your sustainability ideas with City staff and community groups.
- Talk with your friends, family, and neighbors about sustainability.
- Review the City's Sustainability Plan for new ideas and inspiration.



The Benefits You'll Get

- Lower utility bills and rebates for energy- and water-saving improvements.
- A greater sense of community from connecting with your neighbors and local businesses.
- Improved health and quality of life from cleaner air, active transportation options, and regionally produced food.
- Increased well-being knowing that you are having a positive effect on the community and helping to create a bright future for Longmont.



The Impact

A city in which people want to live, work and raise a family – **today and in the future.**



5 Simple Things You Can Do

When it comes to sustainability, everyone can make a difference. Here are five ways you can get involved starting today.

1. Sign up for a home energy assessment from Efficiency Works™

Learn how you can save energy and reduce your energy costs. It's a win-win! Sign up at efficiencyworks.co/for-home/home-efficiency-audits.

2. Reduce household waste

Buy products with less packaging that needs to be thrown away. Recycle whatever you can. Enroll in curbside composting at longmontcolorado.gov/solidwaste.

3. Shop and eat locally

Whether it's buying from a local merchant or getting food at a Farmer's Market, keeping our dollars and resources in the community helps everyone!



4. Curb the car

Walk, bike, carpool, take the bus, or use alternative fuel vehicles when you can.

5. Get involved in your community

From volunteering and joining neighborhood groups to attending concerts and cultural events, there are many ways to connect with and support your community. The more we get to know one another the stronger a community we become.